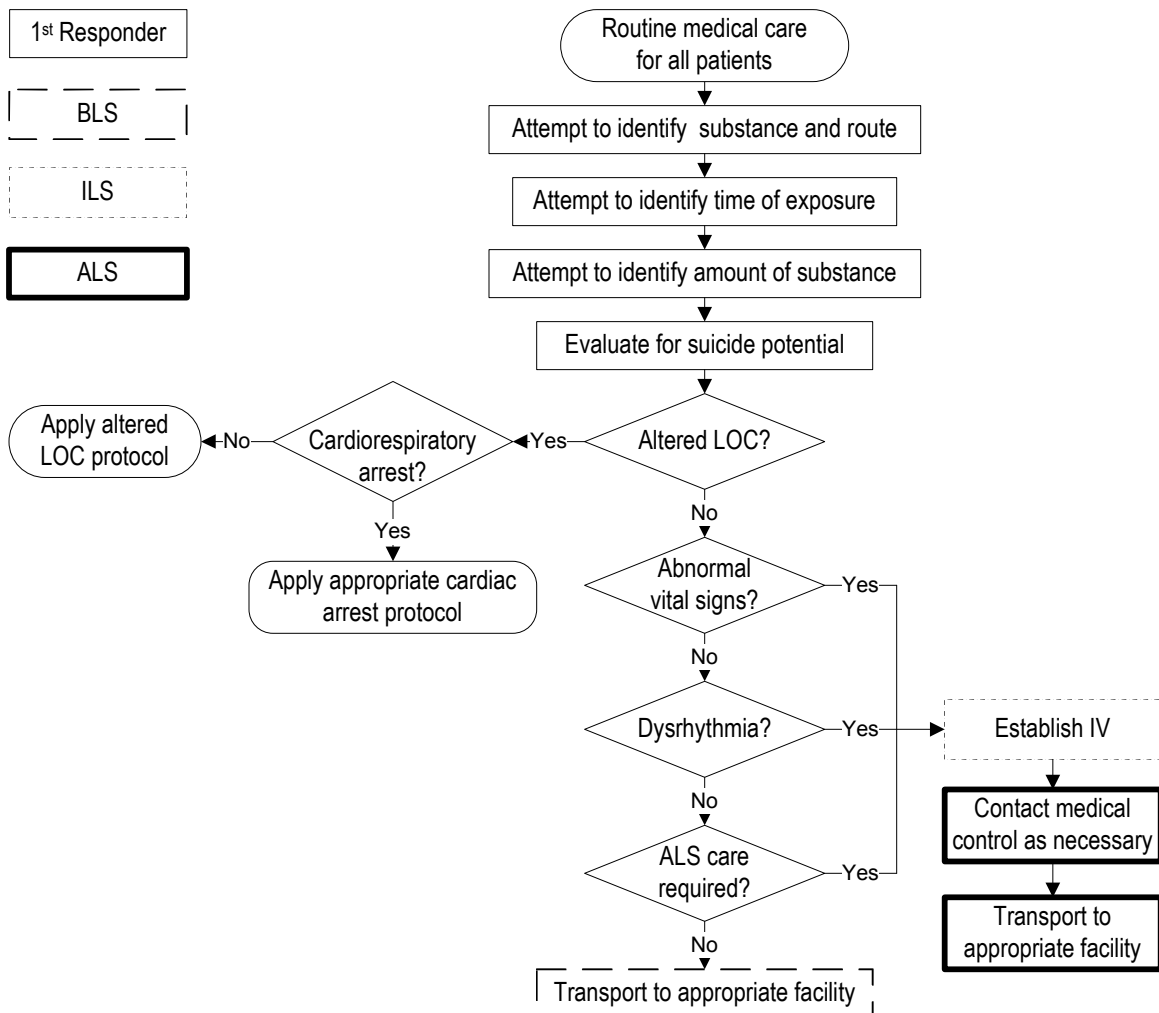


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
STANDARD OF CARE
POISON/OVERDOSE**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Ingestion or suspected ingestion of a potentially toxic substance History of drug/substance abuse Evidence of drug paraphernalia at scene Empty pill bottles at scene History of suicide attempts	Altered level of consciousness Hypotension/hypertension Behavioral changes Abnormal vital signs Dysrhythmia Seizure Chest pain	Overdose Toxic ingestion



NOTES:

- Patients with a history of cocaine use within the past 24 hours, complaining of chest pain are to be treated as cardiac patients.
- Patients who ingested tricyclic antidepressants, regardless of the number and present signs and symptoms, are to be transported by ALS unit. (These patients may have a rapid progression from alert mental status to death.)
- Pill bottles with the remaining contents should be brought to the ED with the patient whenever possible.